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SUBJ: HELICOPTER PROCUREMENT

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1. DCM RAISED QUESTION OF POSSIBLE HELICOPTER PURCHASES DURING
CALL ON GEN. KHALDI MARCH 24. KHALDI STATED THAT ALL STUDIES HAD
BEEN CONCLUDED BUT THAT NO DECISION HAD BEEN MADE AND HE COULD NOT
PREDICT WHEN THIS WOULD OCCUR. HE INDICATED THAT VARIOUS ARMS
QUESTIONS (SEE SEPTTEL ON M16A1'S) WERE INVOLVED IN INTER-EMIRATE
POLITICAL MANEUVERS. WHILE GHQ HAS ASSUMED CONTROL OVER ARMS
PURCHASE DECISIONS FOR ALL EMIRATES, IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT
OTHER RULERS RETAIN VETO POWER, OR AT LEAST POWER TO FREEZE DECI-
SIONS FOR EXTENDED PERIODS.

2. AS FOR INDICATIONS AS TO HOW DECISION MIGHT GO WHEN AND IF IT
IS MADE, KHALDI INDICATED THAT BOTH SIKORSKY AND CHINOOK
(ITALIAN MADE BOEING HELICOPTER) HAD POINTS IN THEIR FAVOR.
AT ONE POINT KHALDI STATED HE PERSONALLY WOULD FAVOR SIKORSKY BUT
IN SAME BREATH NOTED THAT LATTER SUFFERED FROM REPUTATION
AS MARINE HELICOPTER AS DISTINCT FROM LAND ASSAULT AIRCRAFT.
KHALDI ALSO NOTED THAT CHINOOK HAD BEEN PURCHASED BY OTHERS IN
AREA--IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA--WHICH TENDED TO GIVE IT ADVANTAGE.
IN SHORT, THERE SEEMED TO BE RATHER DELICATE BALANCE BETWEEN TWO
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CHOICES AND WE UNABLE PREDICT WHICH WAY DECISION MIGHT GO.
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